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Order

No. 37/06/2015/MAG/Wi-Fi/2201

Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

Whereas, report has been received from the Superintendent of Police, South Goa District, Margao that intelligence inputs indicate a threat perception from terrorists and antisocial elements in the State who may use Wi-Fi facility (open to all and unprotected persons) available with some of the Hotel/Guests/Guest Houses and other establishments and therefore it is necessary to impose restrictions on the use of Wi-Fi facility;

And whereas, it has come to notice that certain anti-social elements/terrorists are using these facilities for antisocial activities which may be detrimental to the security of the country in general and the State of Goa in particular.

And whereas, to put certain restrictions to prevent the misuse of Wi-Fi facility all over South Goa District;

Now, therefore, I, Sachin Shinde, IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, in exercise of the

powers conferred upon me by Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, do hereby make this written order for strict compliance of the following directions by the owners of Hotels, Lodging and Boarding, Guest Houses, including religious and other accommodation, Cyber-Cafes, other commercial establishments, etc. in the whole of South Goa District:-

- a) Every establishment/hotel etc. that desires to get Wi-Fi facility should be registered with the appropriate Government Authority.
- b) Only secure with password protected Wi-Fi facility to be offered customers.
- c) In case password is given to any customer, there must be record of such customer that are using the Wi-Fi facility of the Establishment/Hotels.
- d) The identity of the customer/user shall be established through Government Identity Card only; like Voter Card, Driving Licence, Smart Card, Passport, etc.
- e) If any activity of the Wi-Fi user is of suspicious nature, the owner of the Hotel or Establishment shall immediately inform the nearest Police Station and the Police Control Room (P.C.R.).
- f) The record so maintained to be made available to the Police authorities for checking at any point of time.

This order shall come into force with effect from 26-02-2015 and shall be effective for a period of 60 days, that is upto 27-04-2015 (both days inclusive), unless withdrawn earlier.

As the notice cannot be served individually on all concerned, the order is hereby passed ex-parte. It shall be published for information of public through press and also by affixing copies on the Notice Boards of all Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Mamlatdars and Executive Magistrates and all Police Stations in South Goa District.

Any person contravening this order shall be punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

Given under my hand and seal on this 25th day of February, 2015.

Sachin Shinde, IAS,
District Magistrate,
South Goa, Margao.

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